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- 25X1 1. In 1949 or 1950 [] the village of Maratice, just
 25X1 southeast of Uherske Hradiste [4904N-1727E], [] an underground arma-
 25X1 ment plant was to be constructed within the limits of this village, on
 the east side of the road from Uherske Hradiste to Bilovice [4906N-1734E].
2. A textile factory, most probably a woolen weaving mill, was set up some-
 time in 1950 in Stare Mesto [4904N-1728E]. This factory was called Buch-
 lovan. The main building of the factory was constructed in 1949 by the
 Fatra National Enterprise in Napajedla [4910N-1732E] for production of
 plastics, but before this production could begin it was decided to set
 up a textile factory there, and equipment for textile production was
 transferred to it from some place in northeast Moravia. The main build-
 ing was about 100 x 100 m. in size and had a saw-tooth-shaped roof. This
 was the only production building.
- 25X1 3. [] Spytihnev [] radio broadcas-
 25X1 ting station was set in operation there in the spring of 1952.
4. The Fatra National Enterprise in Napajedla was set up a few years before
 the beginning of World War II and produced mostly gas masks. []
- 25X1 [] various plastic goods were produced there after 1945. Among
 25X1 these were plastic raincoats called Fatrofan. Artificial leather up-
 25X1 holstery was also probably produced there for the new Czechoslovak four-
 axle railroad passenger cars which were first set in operation in 1951.

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Dr. (fnu) FRANTA, [redacted] former general manager of the Fatra Plant, told [redacted] in 1950 that polyvinylchloride was among the plastic raw materials used at the Fatra Plant. Fatra maintained close connections with the Research Institute of the Svit Plant in Gottwaldov. The Fatra Plant consisted of three five-story buildings each about 80 x 20 m. in size. Two of them were constructed sometime between 1945 and 1948, and the third was constructed before World War II. In addition there was a small old building used as a warehouse.

25X1 5. [redacted] excavators
were being produced in the village of Babice /4917N-1642E/ by the
25X1X Machinery Repair Shop (Opravný stroju). [redacted]
25X1X [redacted] in the summer of 1952 there was no factory
there or industry of any kind.

6. The armament plant in Uherský Brod /4902N-1739E/ [Annex B, Point #9] consisted of a complex of buildings constructed to look like normal dwelling houses. The plant dated from before World War II. Shortly after February 1948, Frantisek HRUSKA, who had formerly held a position in the Pilsen Skoda Works, was appointed general manager of this plant. In 1949 he asked the Svit Research Institute in Gottwaldov to try to produce prototypes of nonmetal shoulder plates for guns. The Research Institute produced some samples of shoulder plates from hard rubber and sent them to the armament plant in Uherský Brod. [redacted]
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7. The Svit National Enterprise, Gottwaldov, Plant in Uherský Brod was a small machinery production shop which became subordinate to Svit in early 1951. During 1951 this plant produced some textile machinery parts for the Kovosvit National Enterprise in Sezimovo Ústí /4923N-1442E/. This production stopped in the fall of 1951, and some new production was begun there. [redacted]
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25X1 [redacted]

25X1 8. [redacted] in 1949
25X1 [redacted] an underground armament plant was being constructed there.
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25X1 [redacted] Rude Pravo for 7 June 1953 mentioned the name Zbrojovka Bojkovice (Armament Plant in Bojkovice).

Annex A: Uherské Hradiště Area
B: Uherský Brod Area

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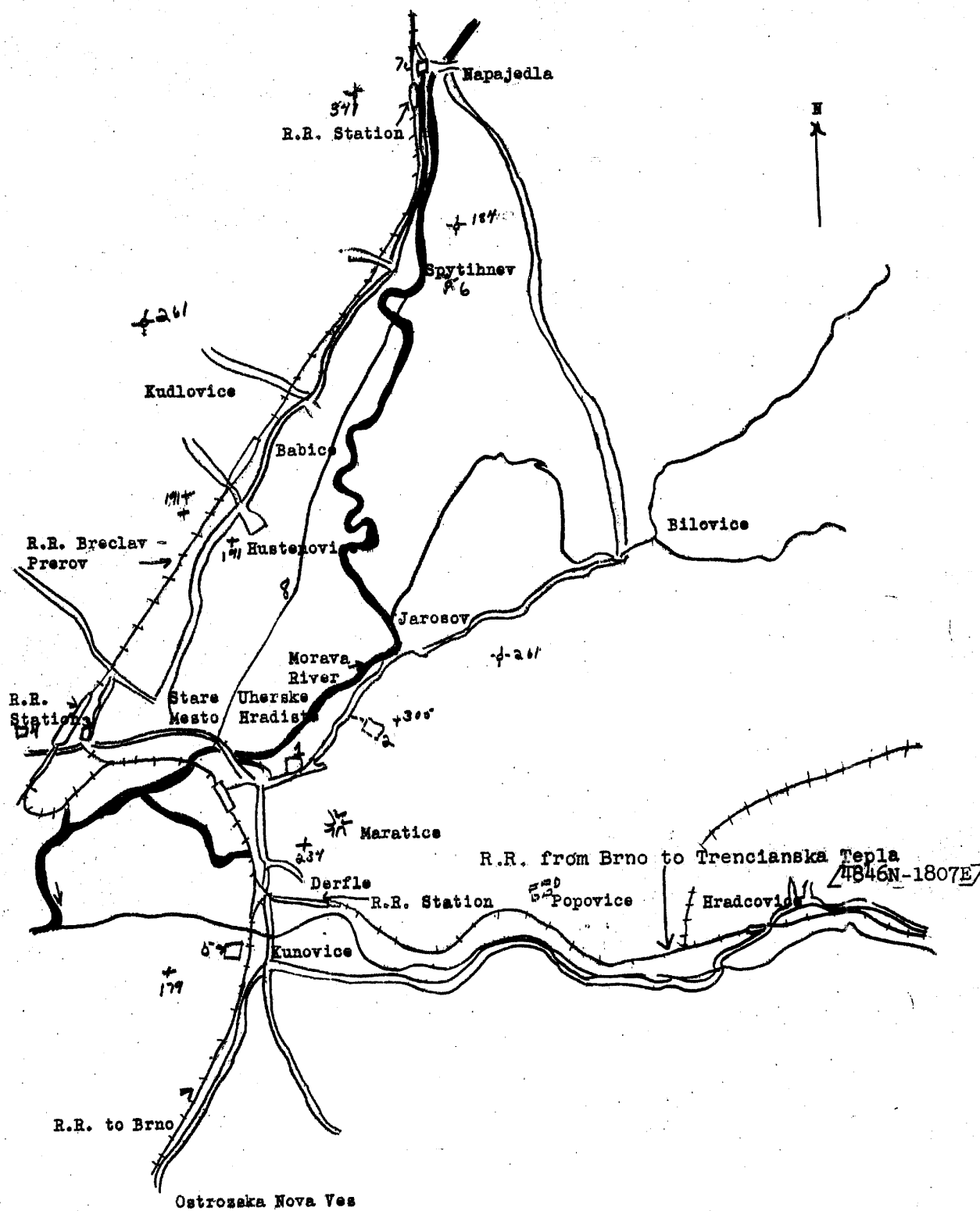
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Uherske Hradiste Area

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- Point #1. Military Barracks in Uherske Hradiste
- #2. Rumored Underground Armament Plant: at Maratice.
- #3. Paint and Varnish Plant: in Stare Mesto. no
- #4. Buchlovan Textile Factory: in Stare Mesto.
- 25X1X #5. Skoda Airplane Works: in Kunovice /4903N-1728E/. there was an
25X1 airfield near them. He does not know the location of the
airfield.
- #6. Rumored Broadcasting Station: in Spytihnev.
- #7. Fatra National Enterprise: in Napajedla.
- #8. Canal: set in operation in 1939 for transportation of lignite
from the Bata lignite mines in Ratiskovice /4856N-1710E/ to
the power plant for the Bata Works in Otrokovice
/4912N-1732E/. Rude Pravo for 17 May 1953 reported that a
new power plant was under construction in Hodonin
/4852N-1708E/ which was to be supplied with lignite from
the Ratiskovice mines.

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Annex B

Uhersky Brod Area

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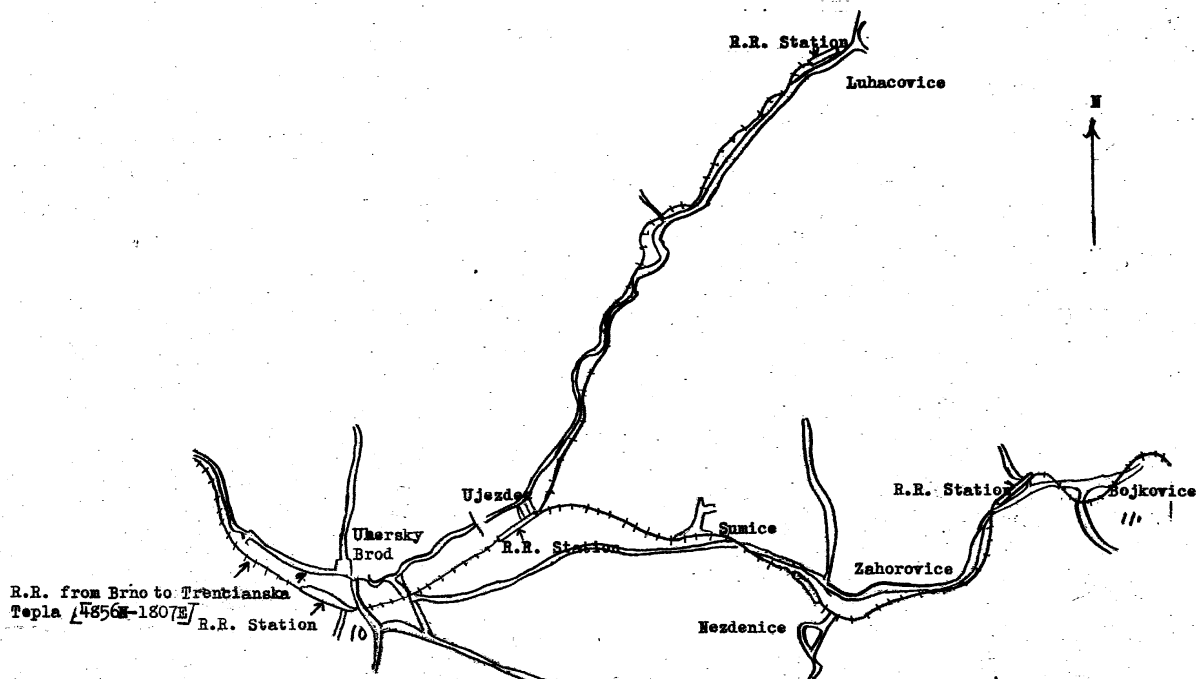
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Point #9. Armament Plant: in Uhersky Brod.

#10. Svit Plant: in Uhersky Brod.

#11. Bojkovice: rumored location of an underground armament plant.

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